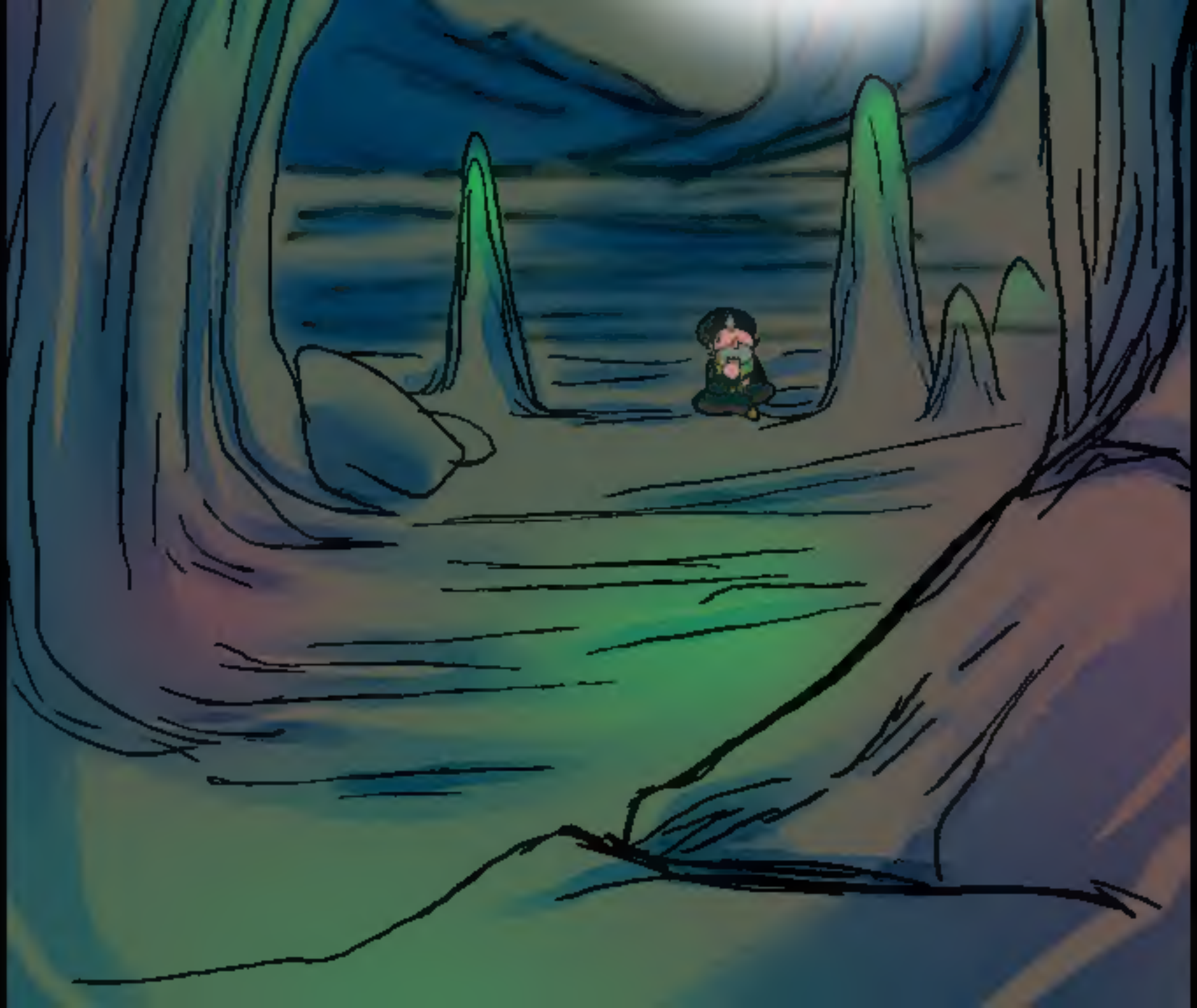
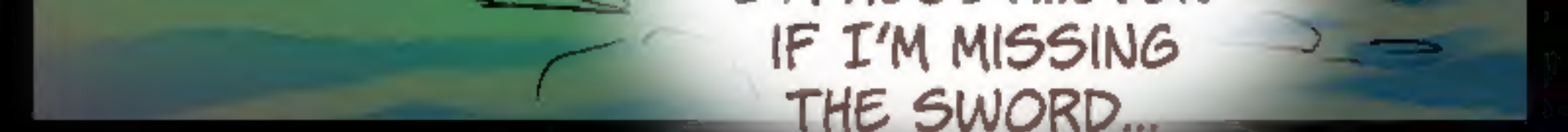
HOW
AM I BACK?



DON ABSORBED ME...
MUNCH
MUNCH

TAK
TAK
..BUT
I'M HERE AND
I'M RESET...EVEN


IF I'M MISSING
THE SWORD...

ROOM of
SWORDS

CHAPTER 196

"CANTO
NOMADE PER UN
PRIGIONIERO"

STORY/ART: TOONIMATED

TAK

GRAB
GAH!

FWOOSH

FWOOSH

WHAT THE..!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? AT LEAST BUY ME A DRINK!
I SAW YOU GET HEALED.

POKE
POKE
AND..?

THAT MEANS YOU HAVE A BOSS SWORD.

BUT I DON'T...ARE YOU MISSING YOURS?

YES! WHERE IS IT!?
SHAKE

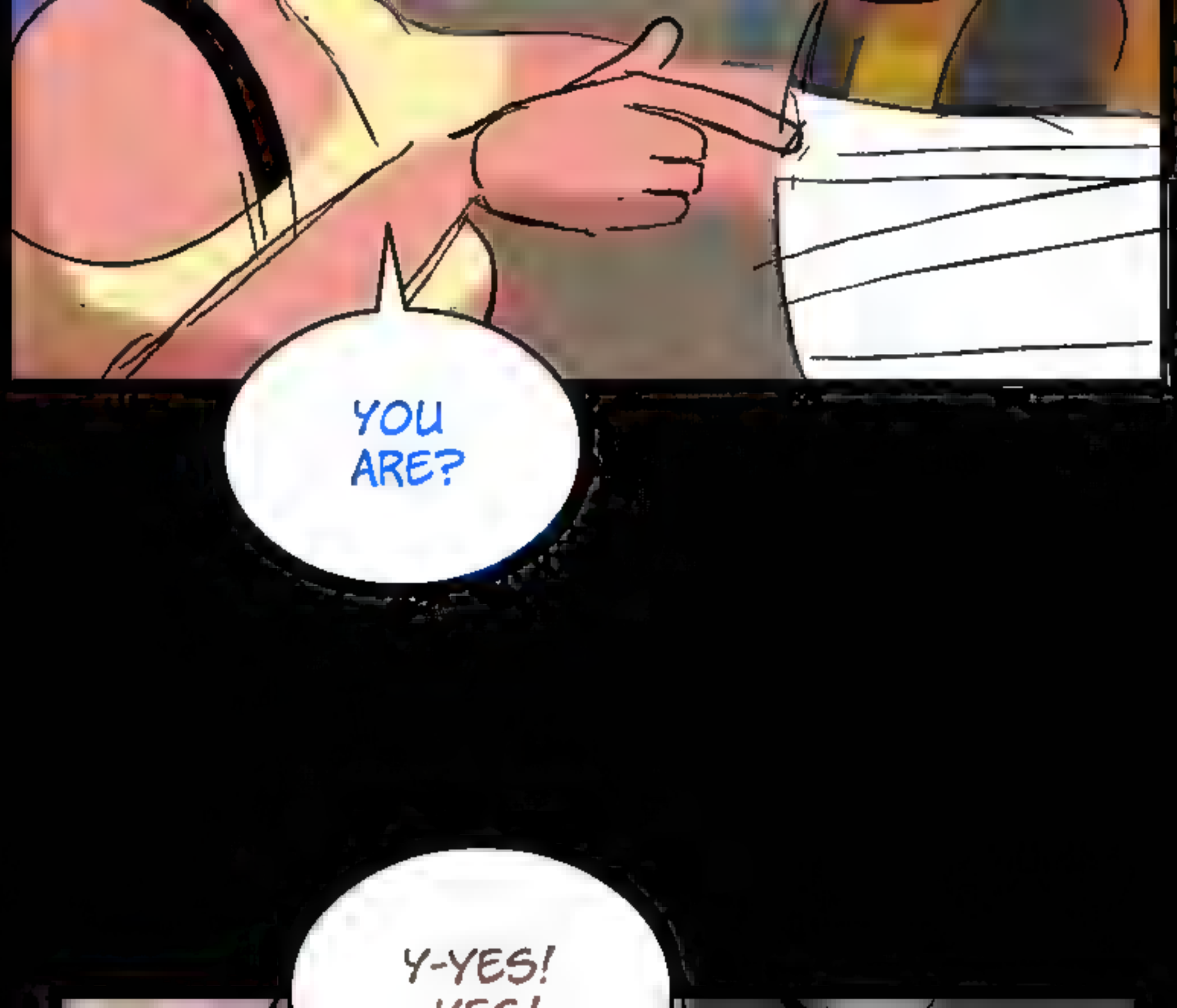
SHAKE
ARGH!
WHAT IS WRONG
WITH YOU!?
I
JUST SAID
I DIDN'T HAVE
IT!

!!
HMM...

AND
IF I DID, IT
WOULD HAVE FALLEN
OUT OF MY INVENTORY
AFTER THAT VIOLENT
SHAKE!

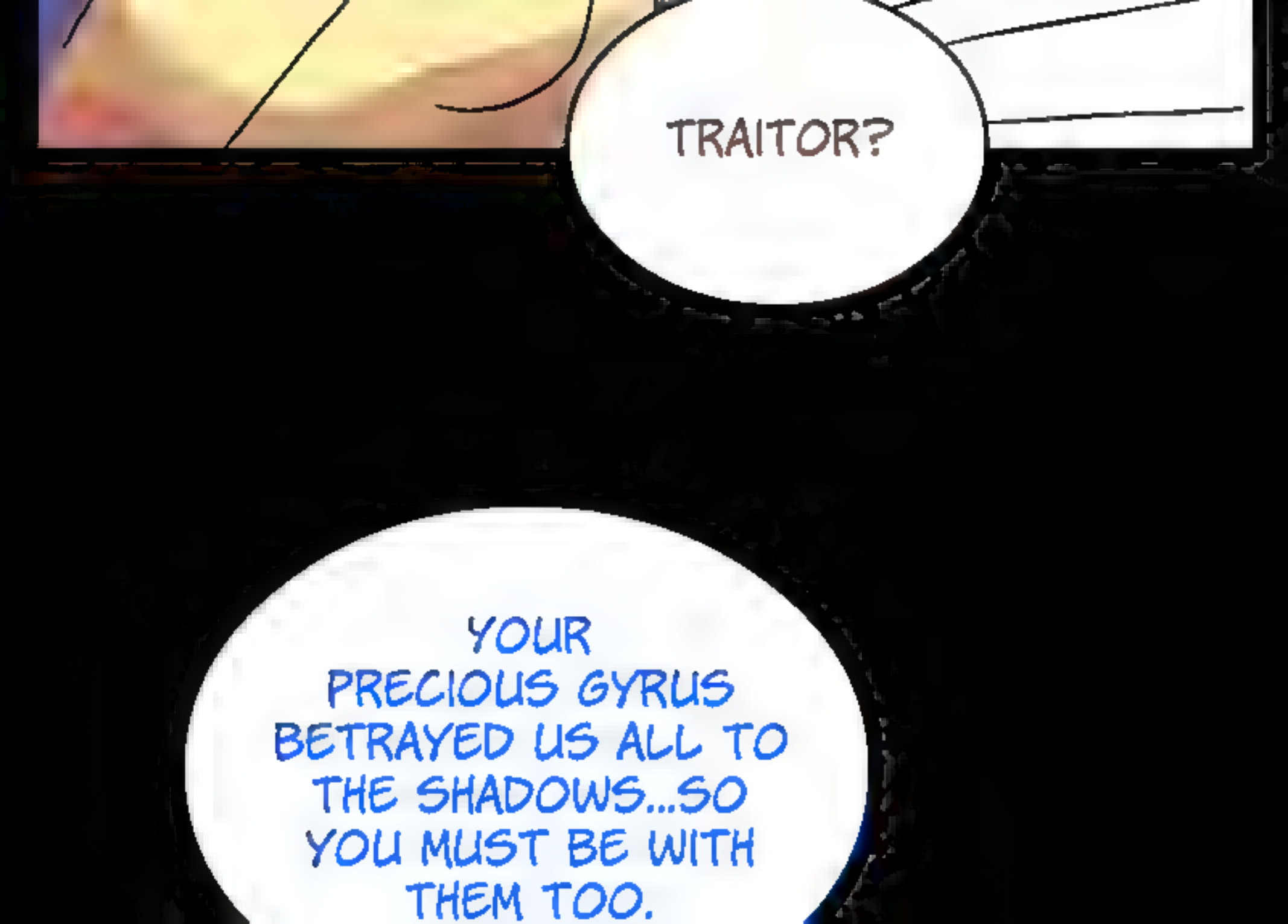
ARE YOU ONE OF THE DEFECTORS?

N-NO!
I'M WITH
GYRUS!


YOU ARE?
Y-YES!

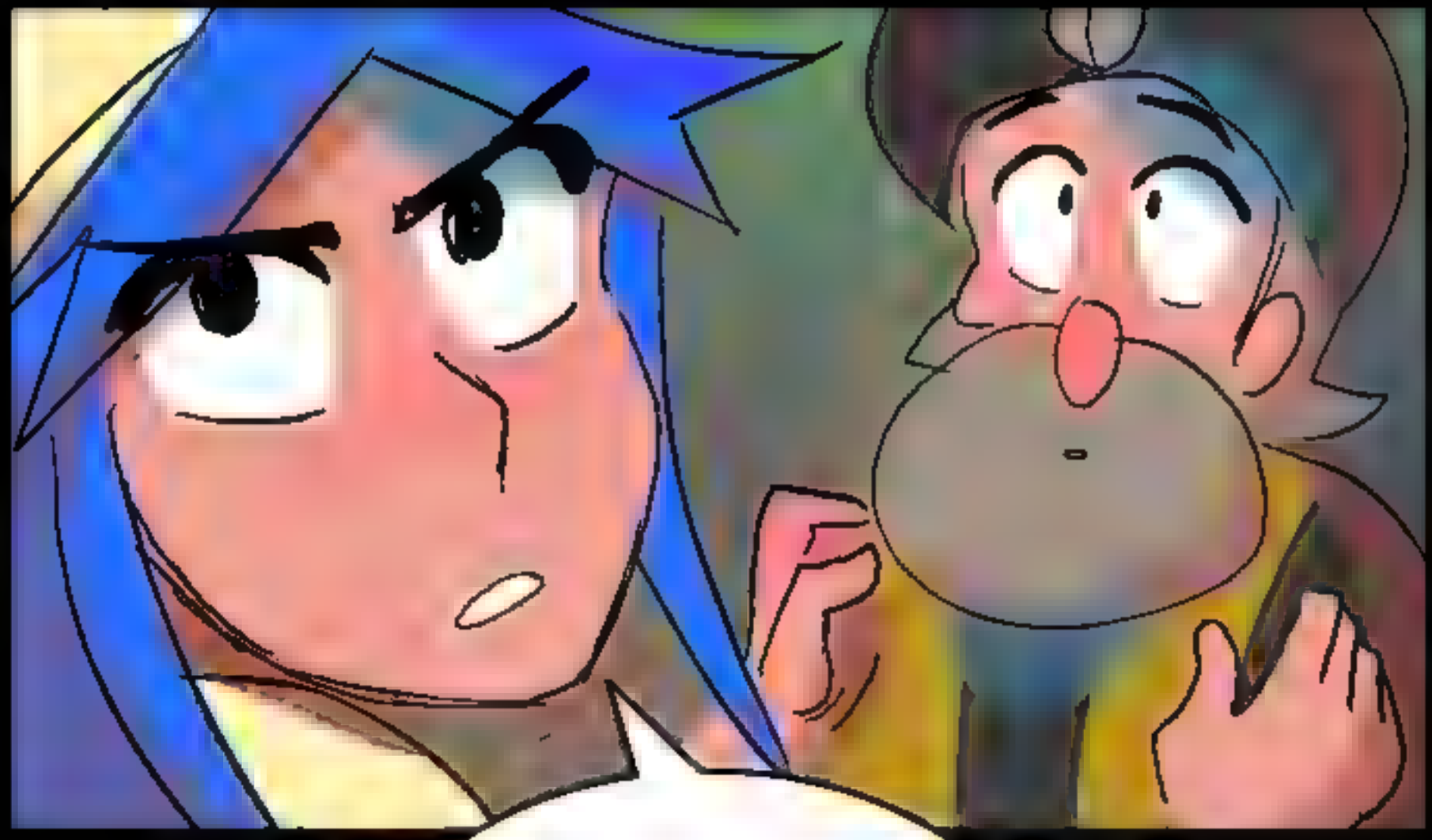
YES!

SO YOU'RE A TRAITOR!


TRAITOR?
YOUR PRECIOUS GYRUS BETRAYED US ALL TO THE SHADOWS...SO YOU MUST BE WITH THEM TOO.

BUT
I'M NOT STICKING
AROUND TO MEET
THEM.

SHE MUST BE ONE OF THOSE CONSUMED BY THE SHADOWS IN THAT INCIDENT...



THE VOYAGE SEEMS TO LAST ABOUT 3 DAYS JUDGING BY THE BLACK SUN

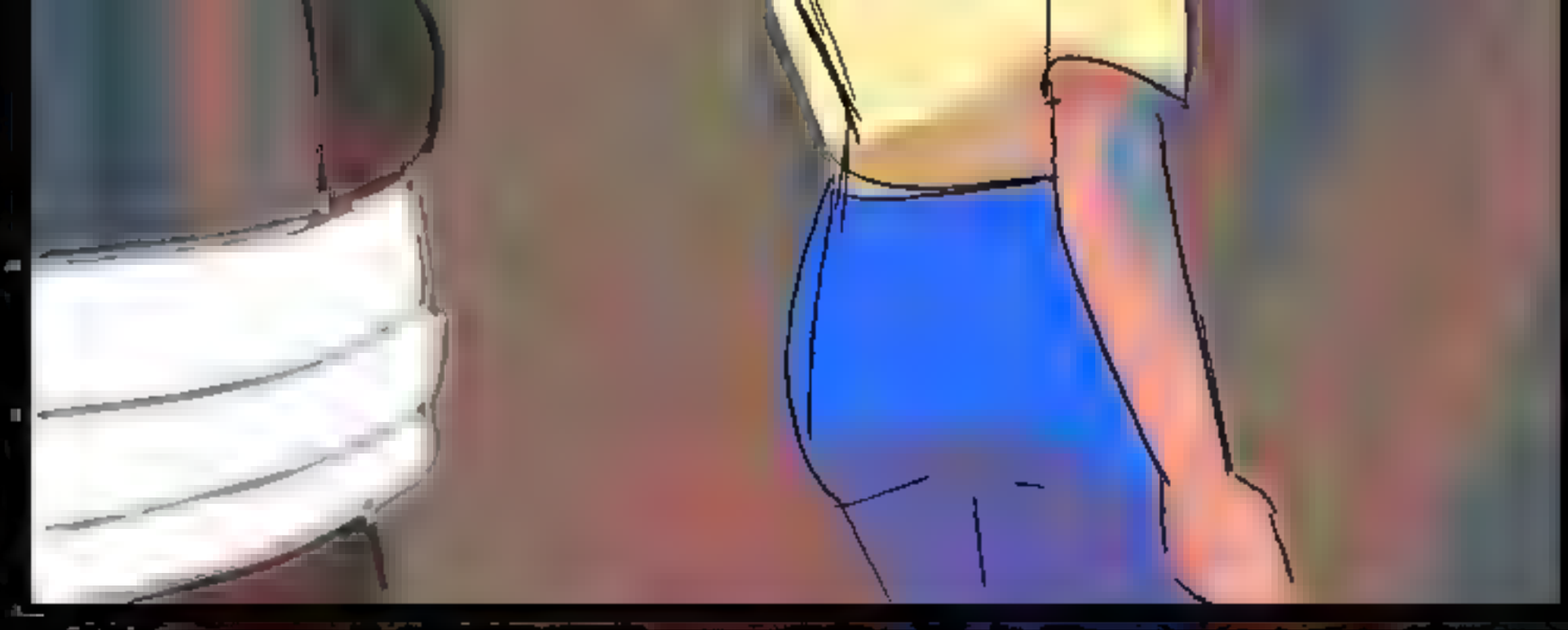
...BUT I DON'T THINK I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE..

I...
HAVEN'T
EITHER?

RIGHT.
WELL IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A SWORD TO FIND...

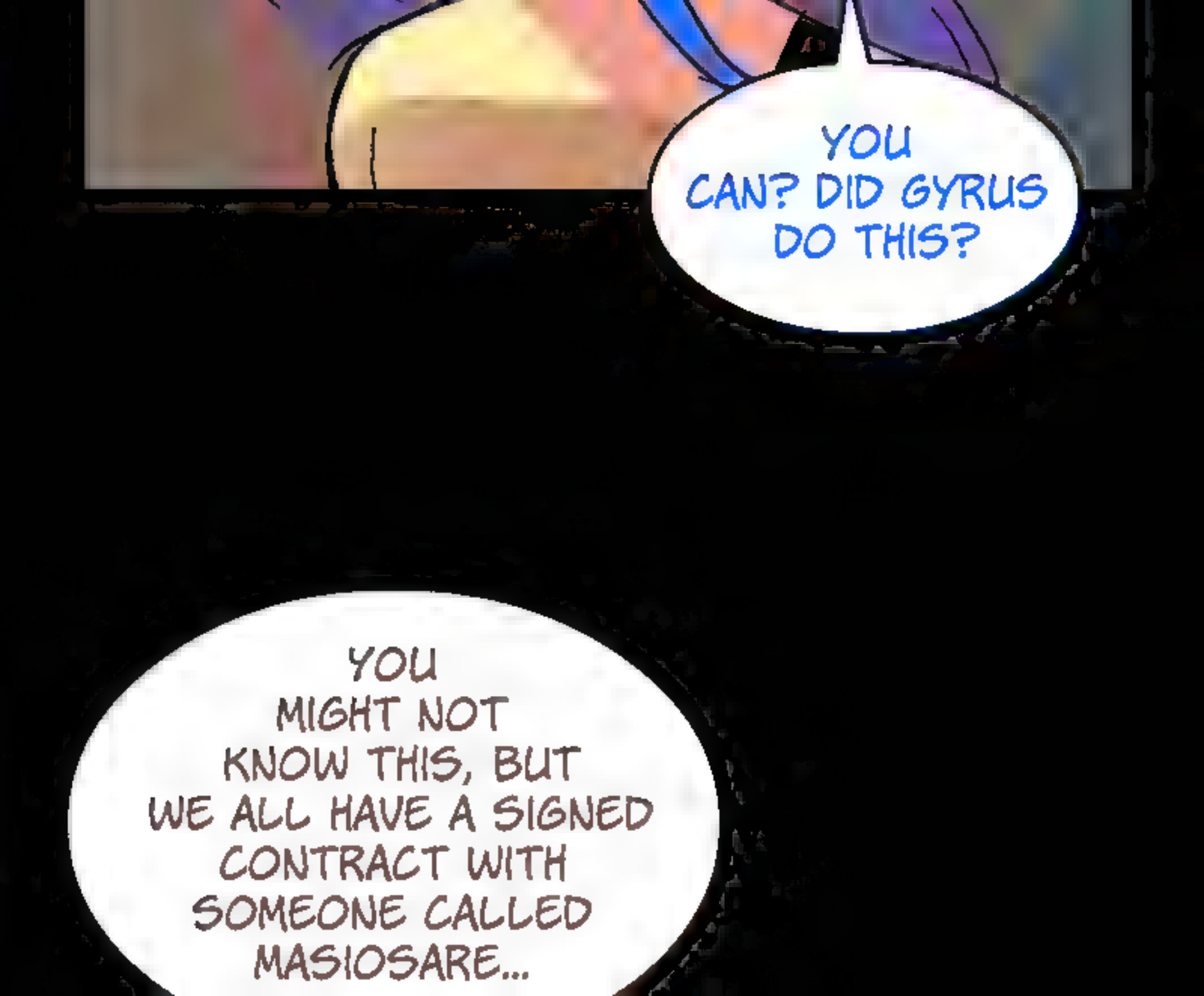
TAK
OKAY?
TAK
AND HOPEFULLY SOME FAMILIAR FACES WHO ACTUALLY KNOW ME.

BUT...
ISN'T YOUR NAME
CIBOULETTE?
STOP

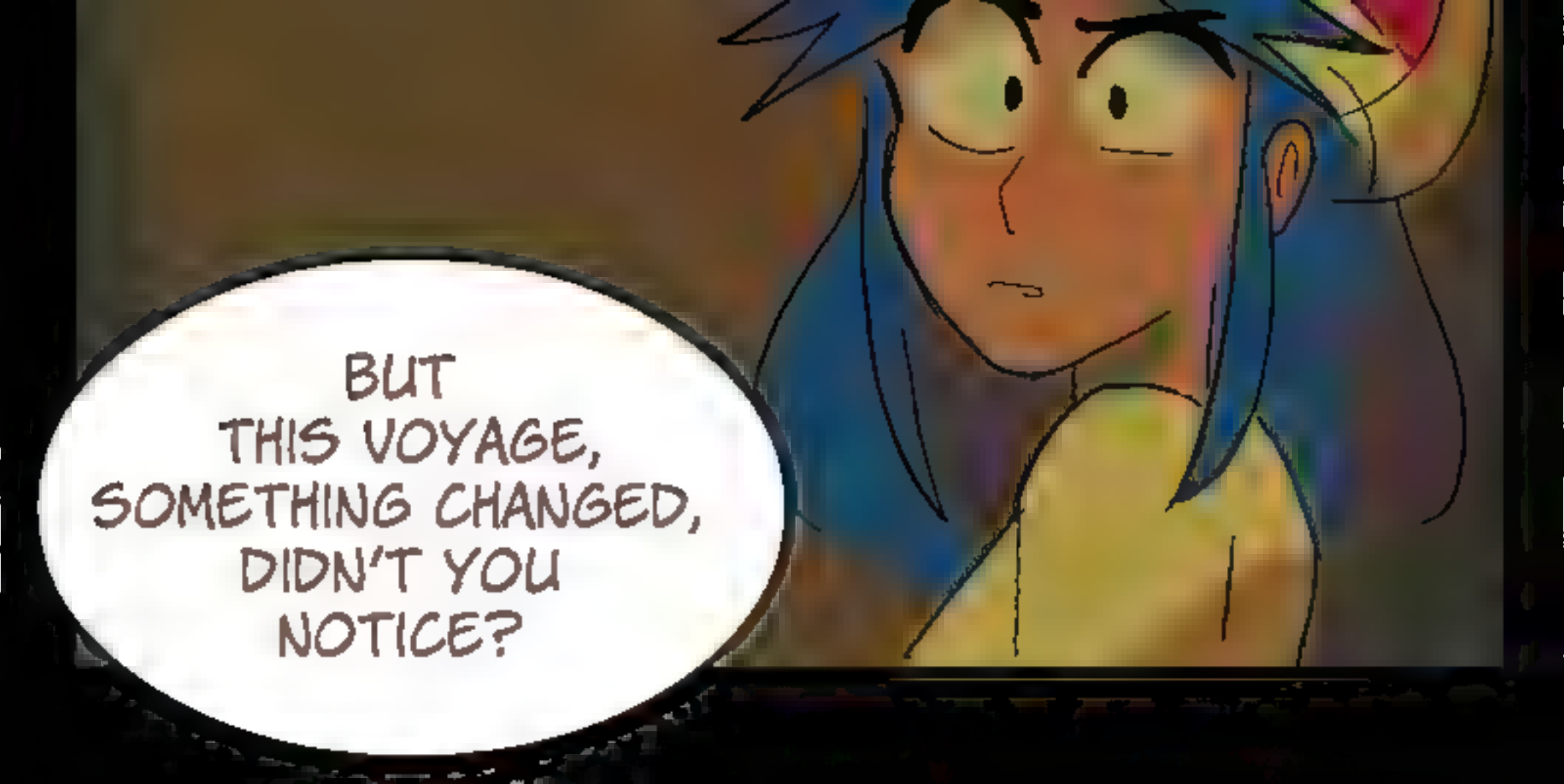


TURN
HOW DID YOU KNOW?

MY FACE NOT BE FAMILIAR, BUT I CAN SHED SOME LIGHT ON OUR CURRENT SITUATION.


YOU CAN? DID GYRUS DO THIS?
YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW THIS, BUT WE ALL HAVE A SIGNED CONTRACT WITH SOMEONE CALLED MASIOSARE...

...WHO YOU'D KNOW AS THE VOICE WE HEAR AT THE START OF EVERY VOYAGE.

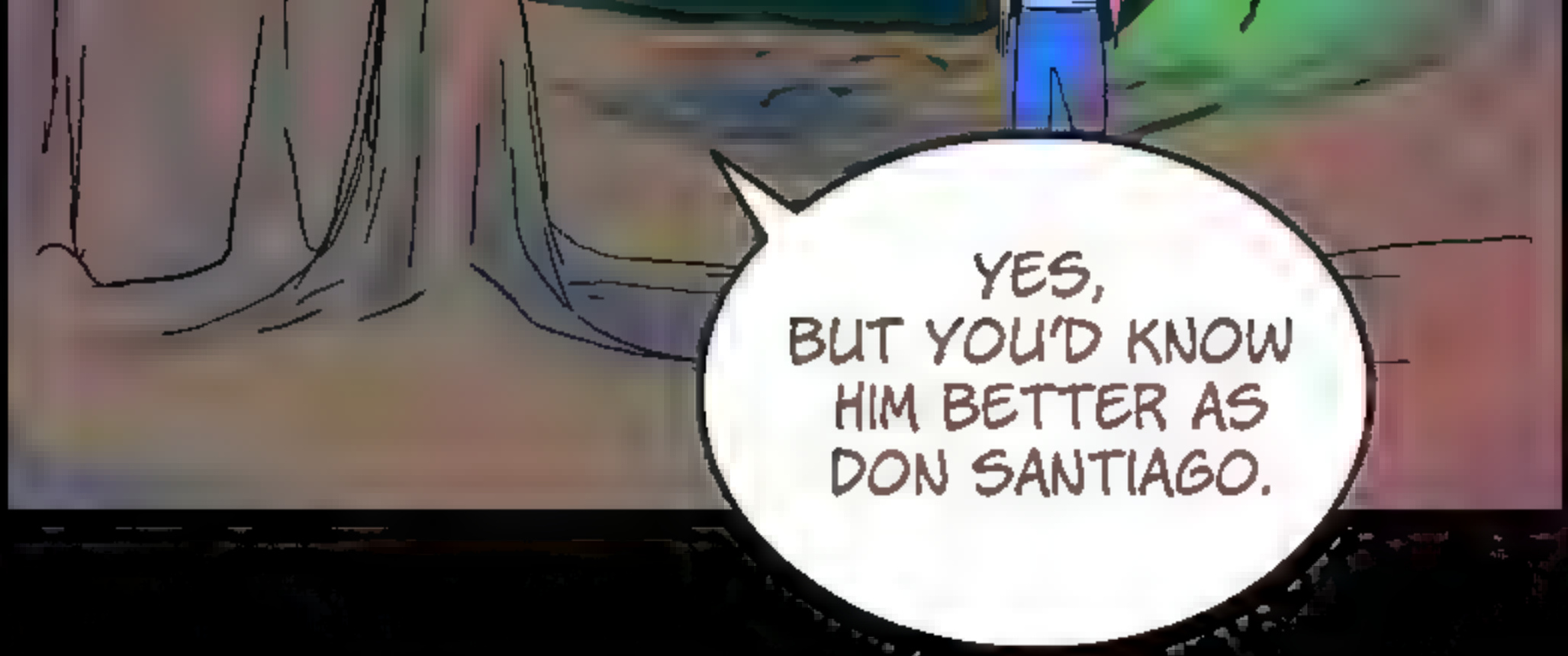

BUT
THIS VOYAGE,
SOMETHING CHANGED,
DIDN'T YOU
NOTICE?

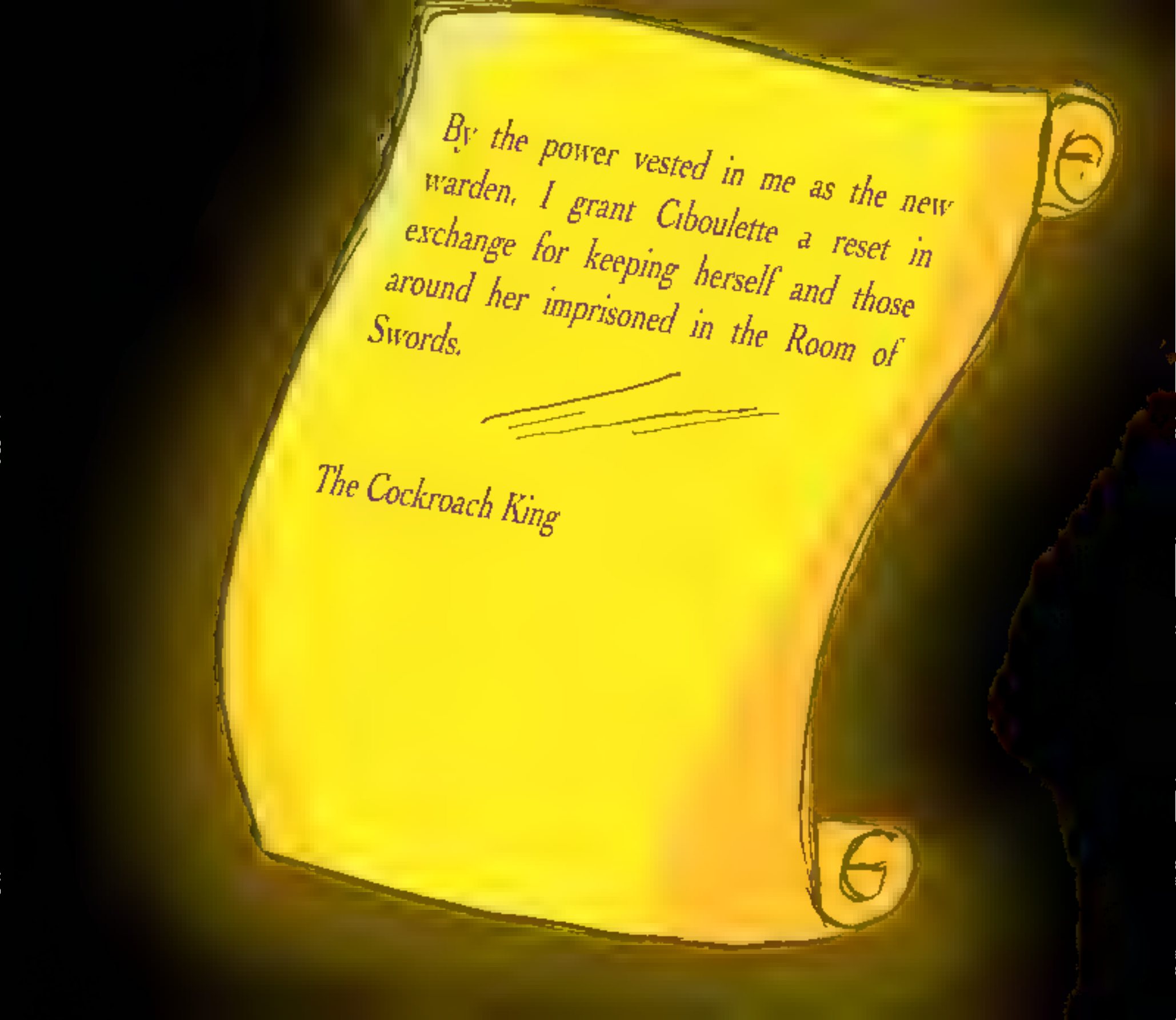
THE VOICE IS NOW THAT OF THE COCKROACH KING...AND I CAN SEE THE NEW RULES HE'S CREATED IN THE CONTRACT HOVERING OVER YOUR HEAD.

I
COULD TELL
YOU WHAT IT SAYS
OF COURSE, OR I
COULD OFFER YOU MORE
PERSONAL INFORMATION
IF YOU WANT
ADDITIONAL
PROOF.

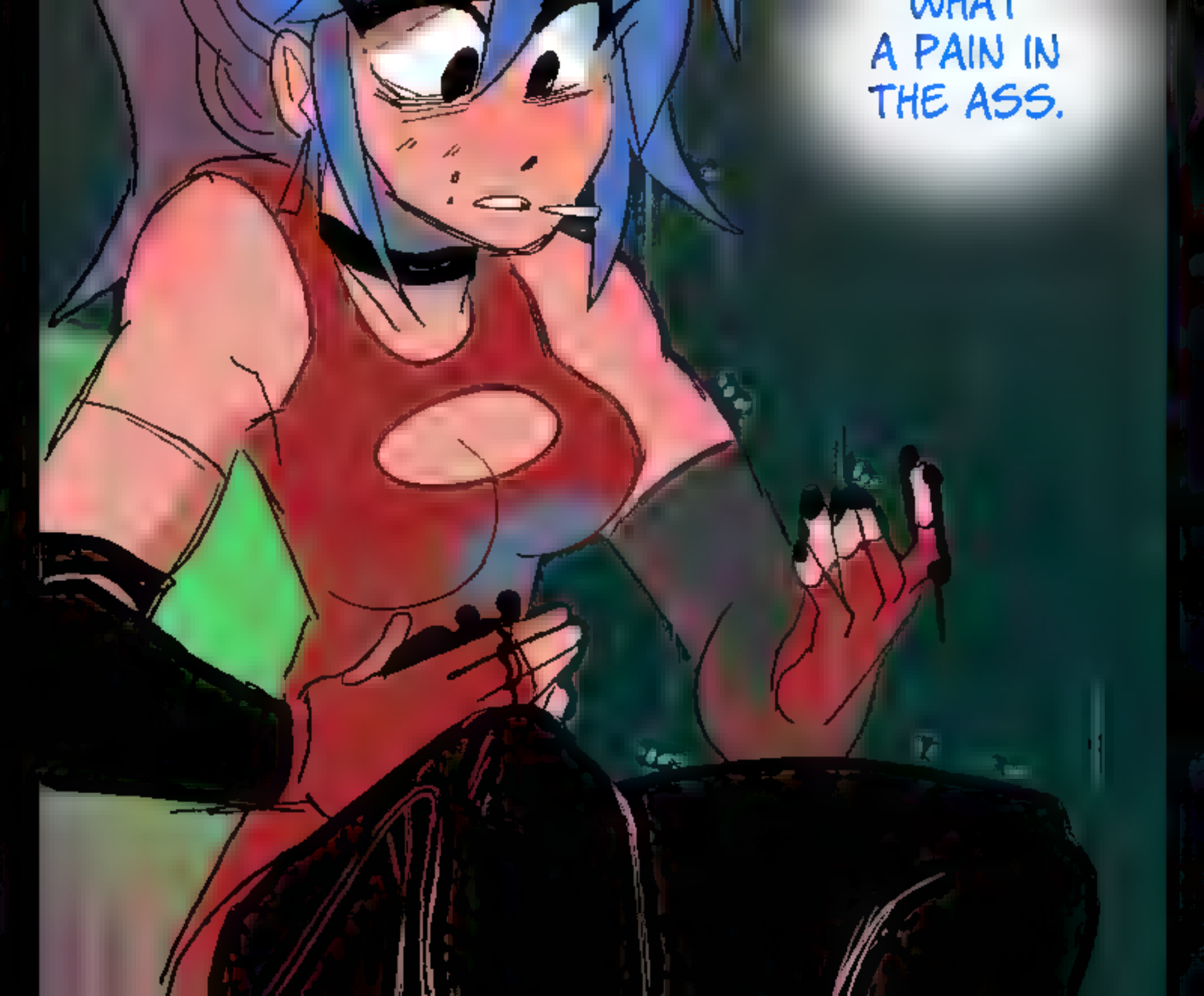
IT
SAYS HERE YOU
WERE CONSUMED
BY THE SHADOWS,
CORRECT? BUT IT SEEMS
YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN A
SECOND CHANCE PROVIDED
WE ALL REMAIN PRISONERS
OF OUR NEW WARDEN,
THIS NEW VOICE
IN THE SKY.

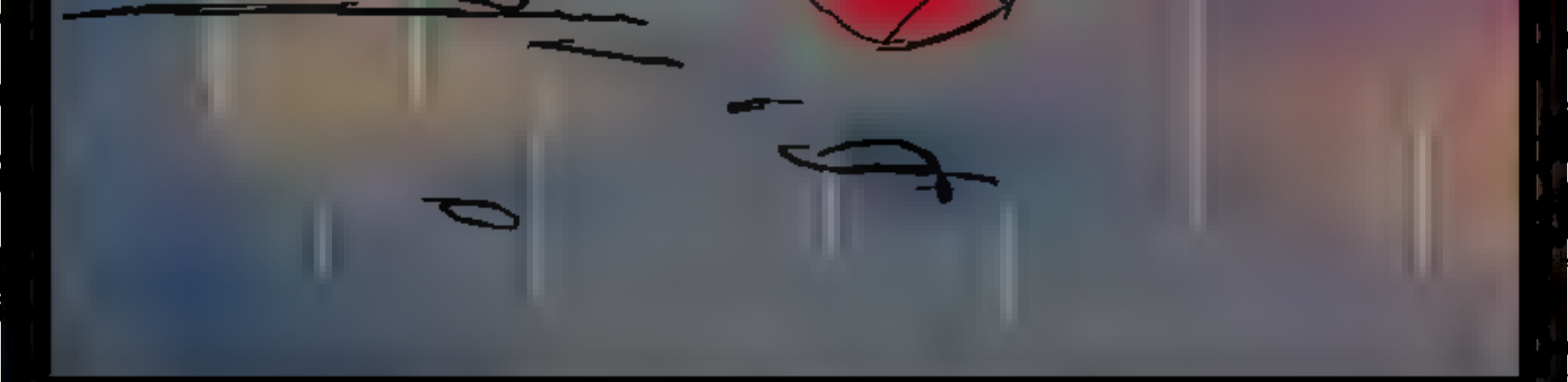
THE NEW VOICE...YOU CALLED HIM THE COCKROACH KING, RIGHT?


YES,
BUT YOU'D KNOW
HIM BETTER AS
DON SANTIAGO.

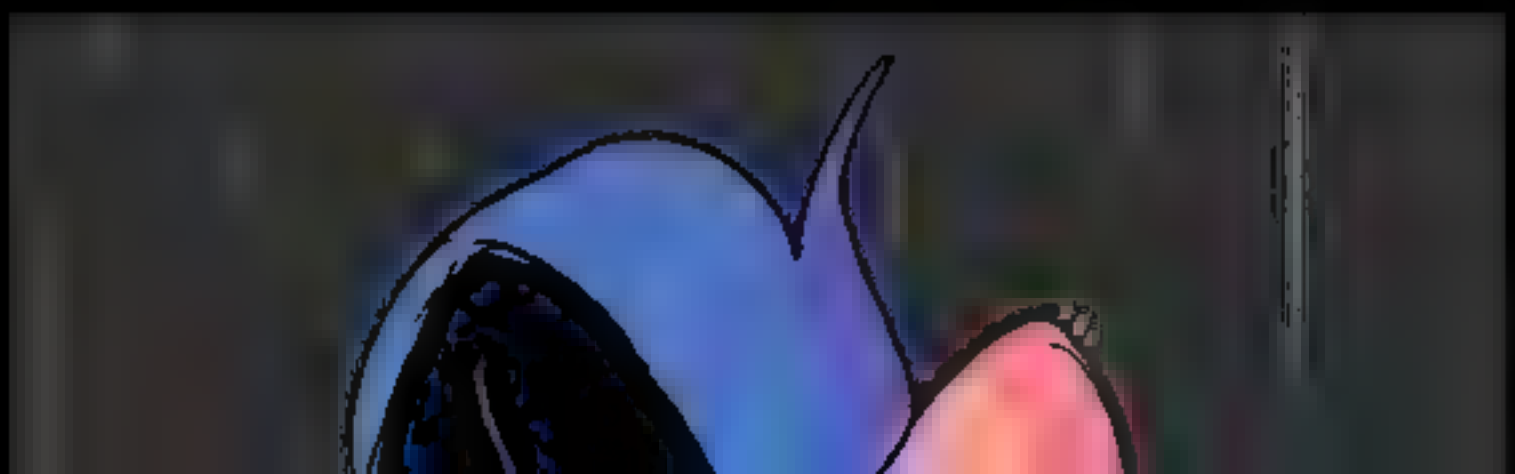

By the power vested in me as the new warden, I grant Ciboulette a reset in exchange for keeping herself and those around her imprisoned in the Room of Swords.
The Cockroach King

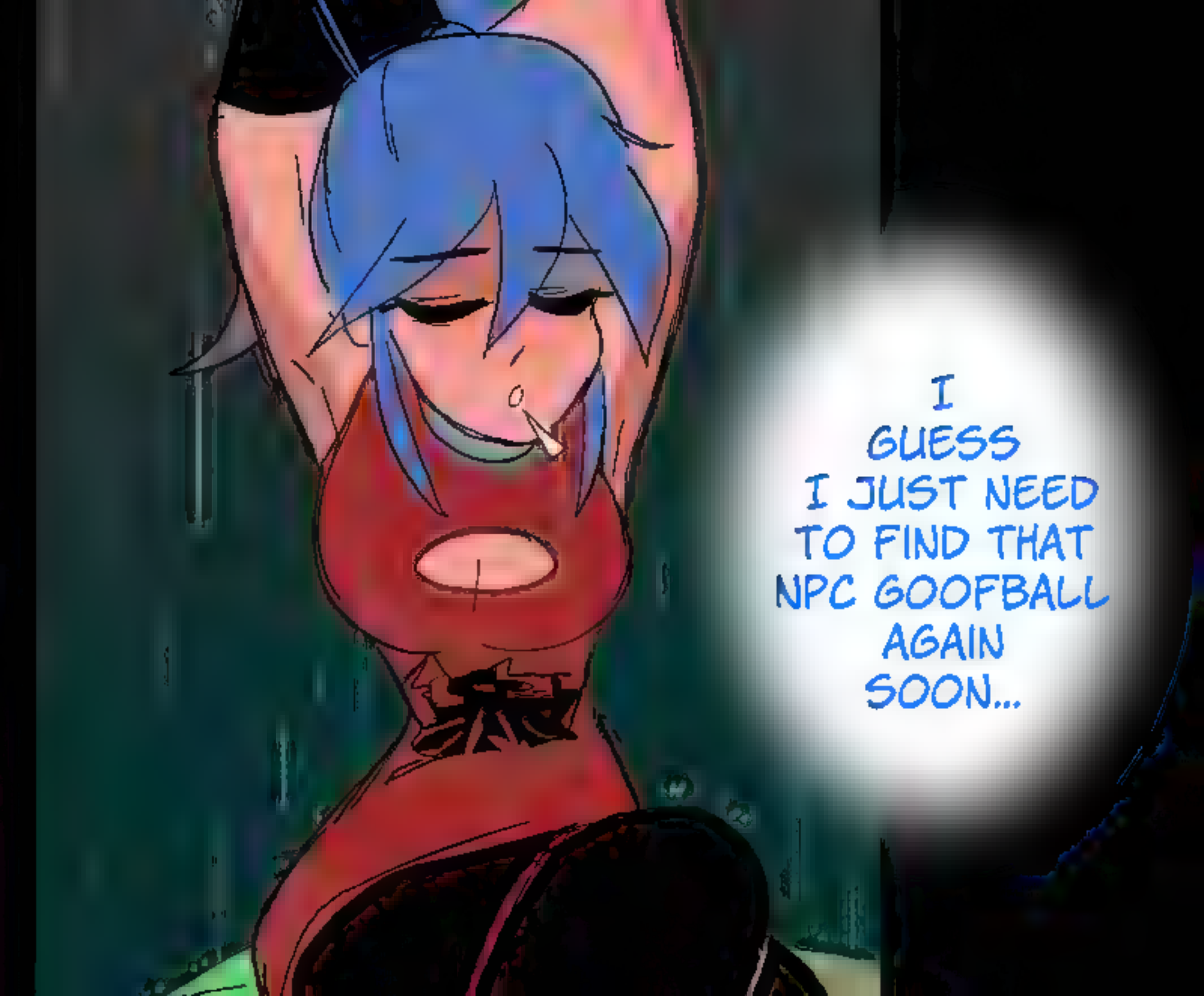
DAMMIT.
NOT THIS
AGAIN.

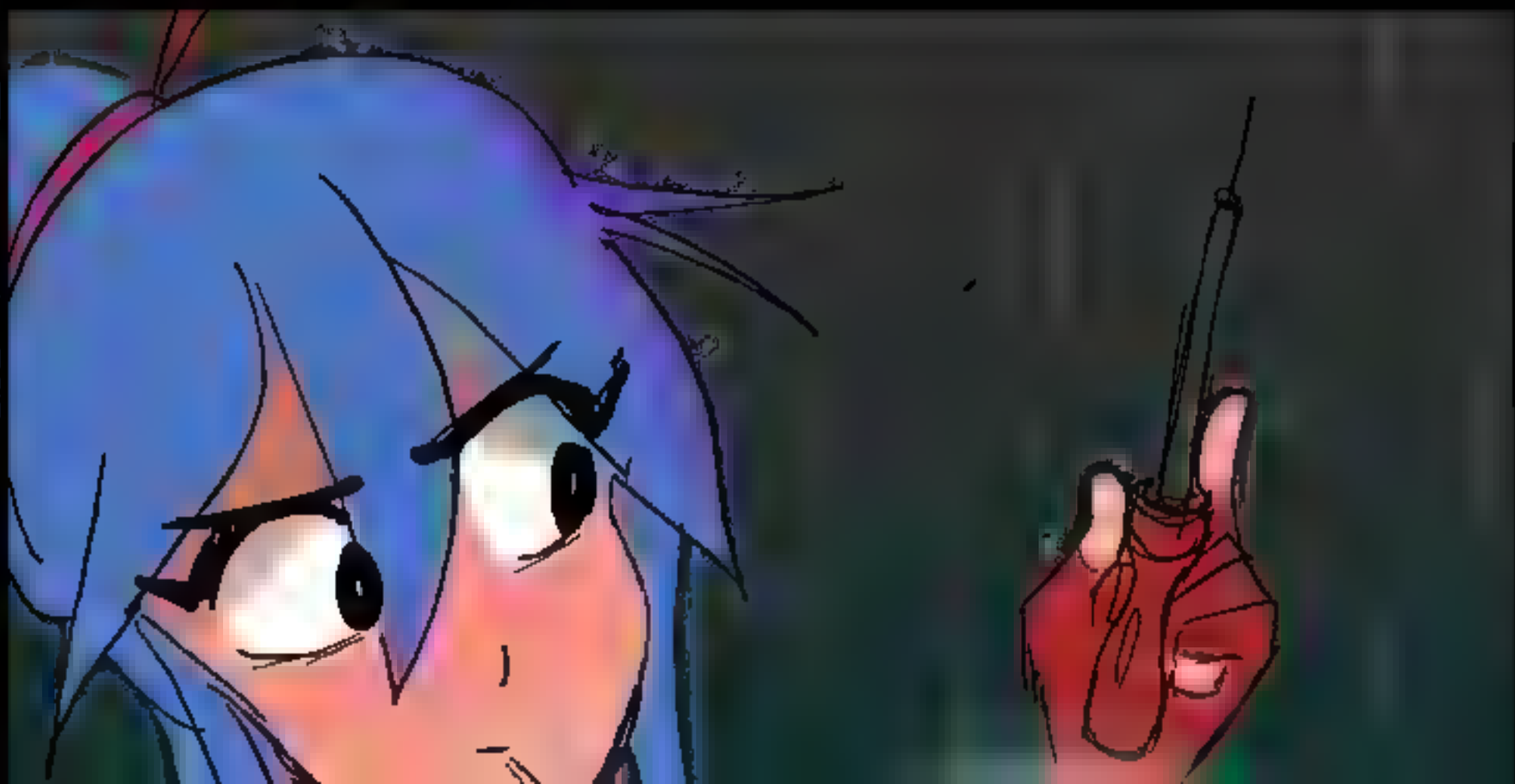

WHAT
A PAIN IN
THE ASS.



IT'S A SHAME HEARTBEATS ONLY FIX ORGANIC PROBLEMS...IF ONLY KNOX WERE HERE, HE'D BE ABLE TO FIX MY WOUND.

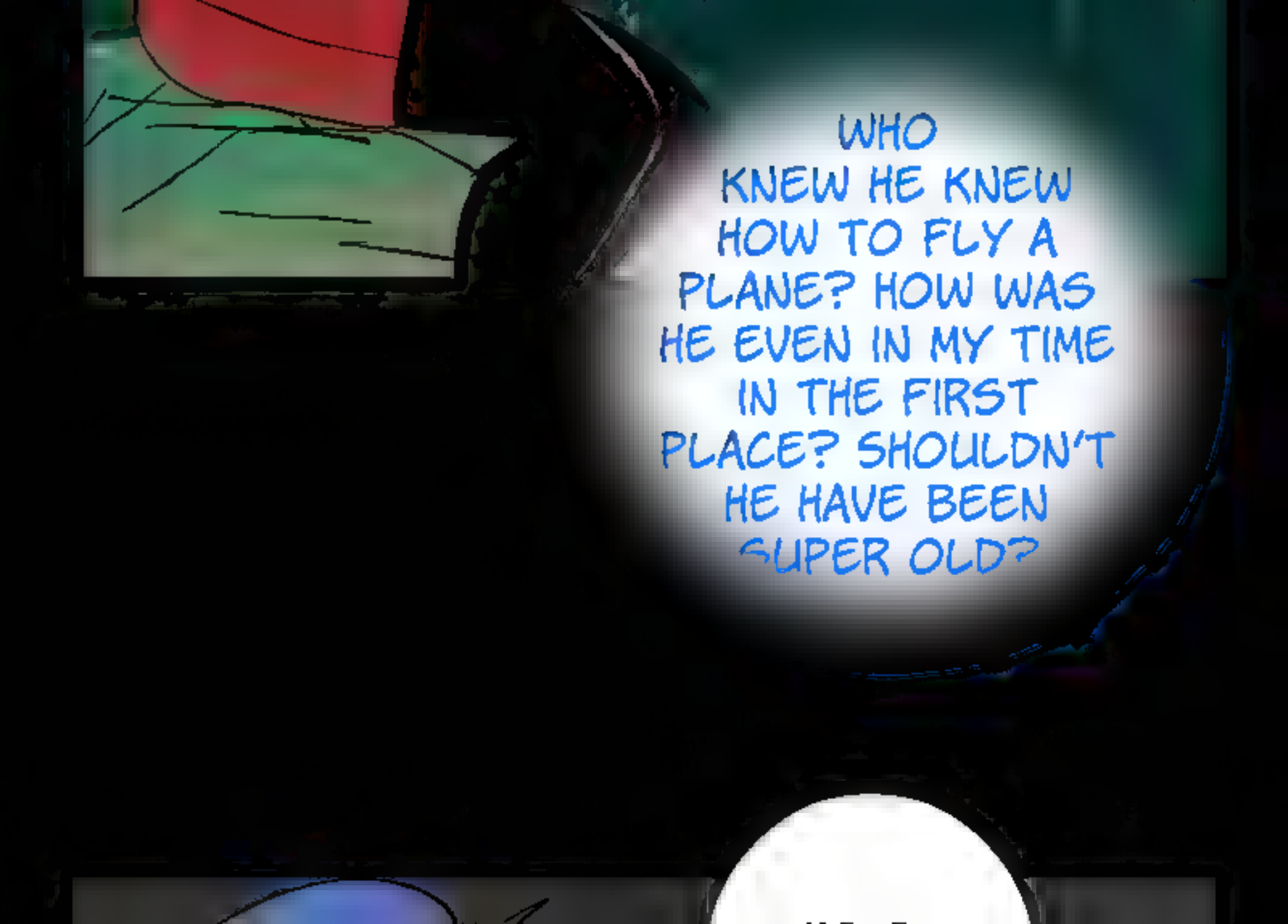


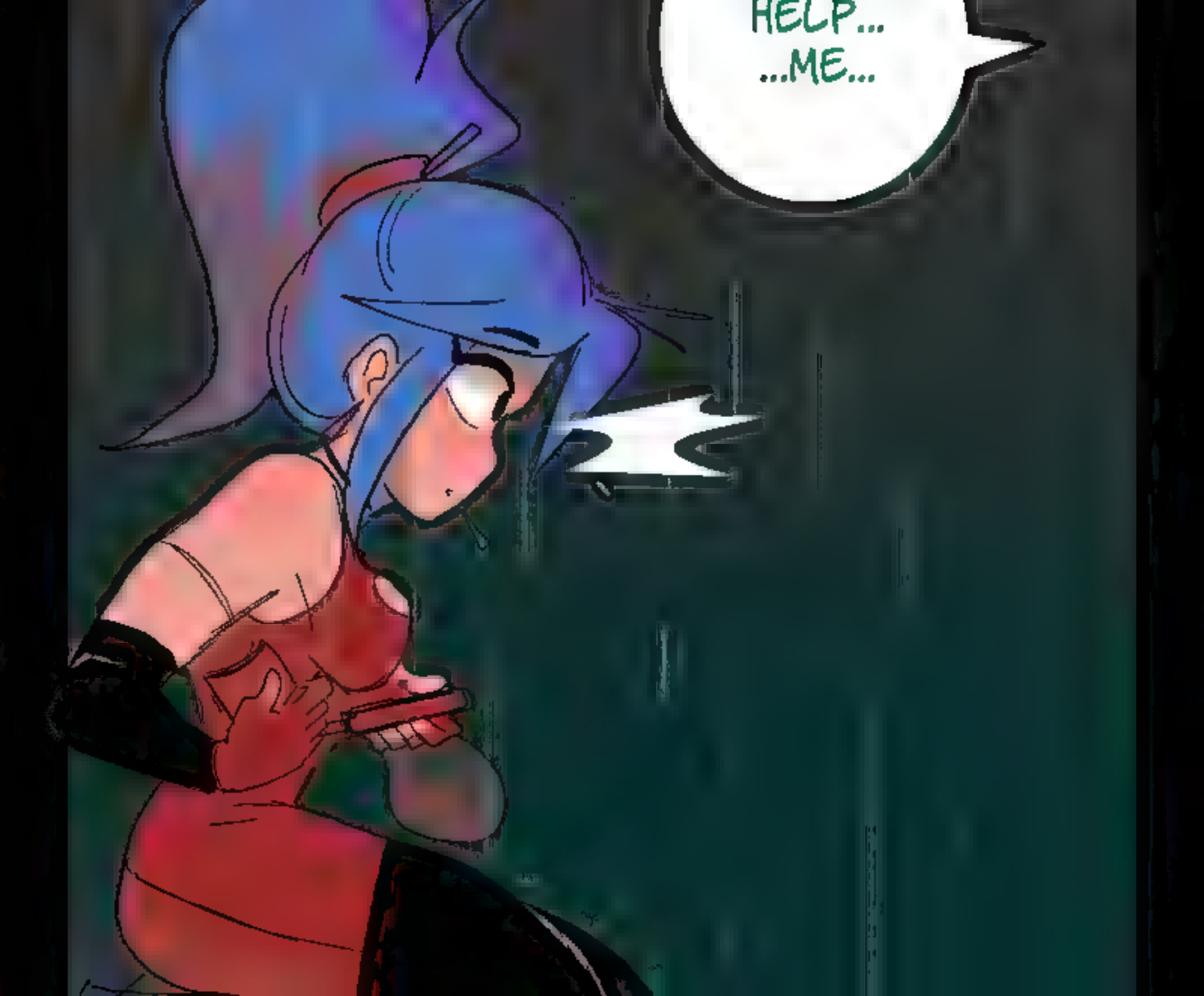

I
GUESS
I JUST NEED
TO FIND THAT
NPC GOOFBALL
AGAIN
SOON...

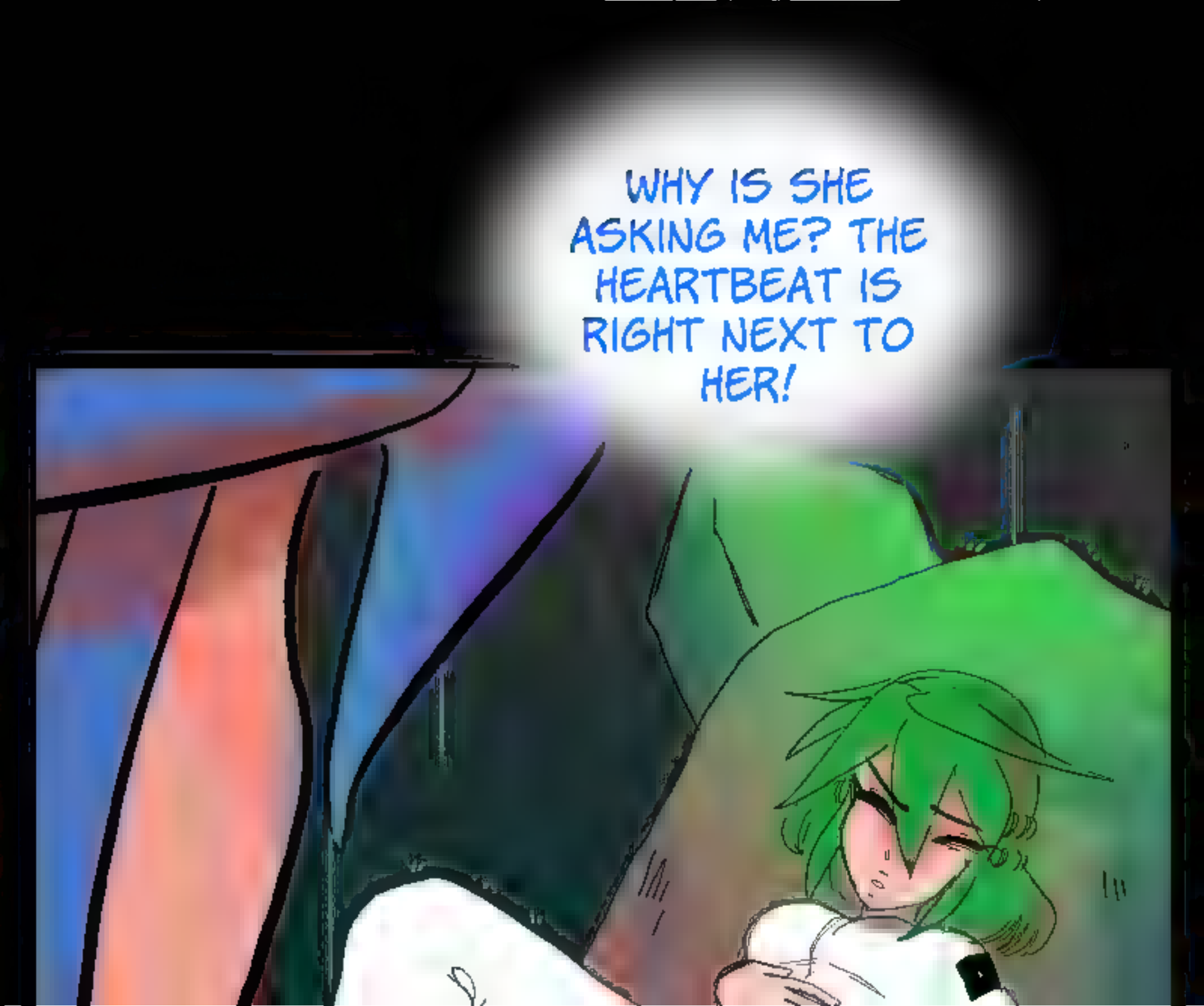


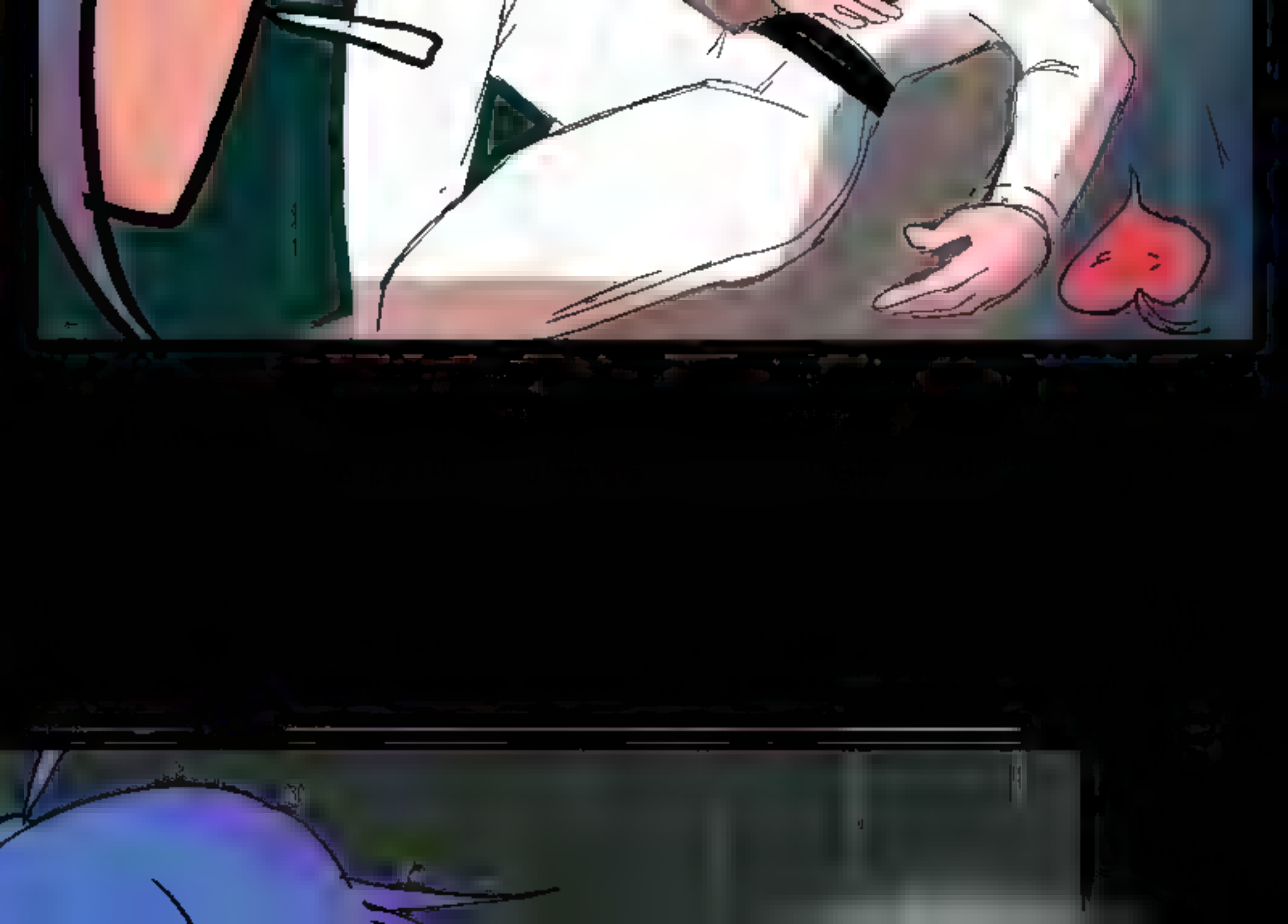
...BUT FOR NOW...BACK TO THE BASICS..

I CAN'T BELIEVE DON GOT AWAY WITH THIS...
FIX
FIX


WHO KNEW HE KNEW HOW TO FLY A PLANE? HOW WAS HE EVEN IN MY TIME IN THE FIRST PLACE? SHOULDN'T HE HAVE BEEN SUPER OLD?

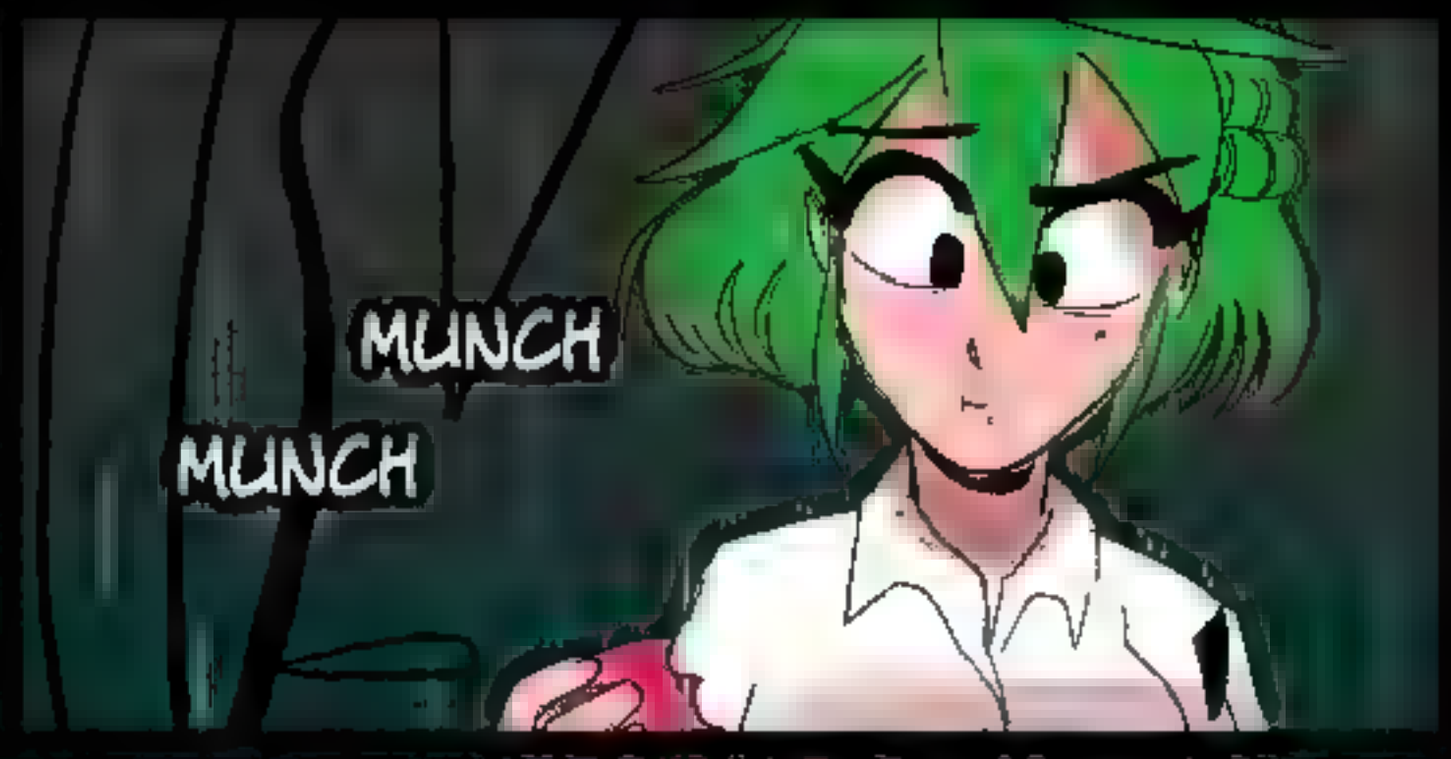

HELP...
...ME...


WHY IS SHE ASKING ME? THE HEARTBEAT IS RIGHT NEXT TO HER!



IS SHE A NEWBIE? I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE ANY LEFT, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT A HEARTBEAT IS AND I'VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE, SO SHE MUST BE.

HEY...
UHH...YOU MIGHT WANT TO BITE THIS. IT WILL HEAL YOU.



MY WOUNDS...

THEIR GONE!
THE HEALING
PROPERTIES
OF THIS PLANT
ARE AMAZING!
THIS SURELY
HAS TO AN
ANOMALOUS
KIND OF
FRUIT..!

IF A HEARTBEAT IMPRESSES YOU, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE WHAT ELSE IS OUT THERE.

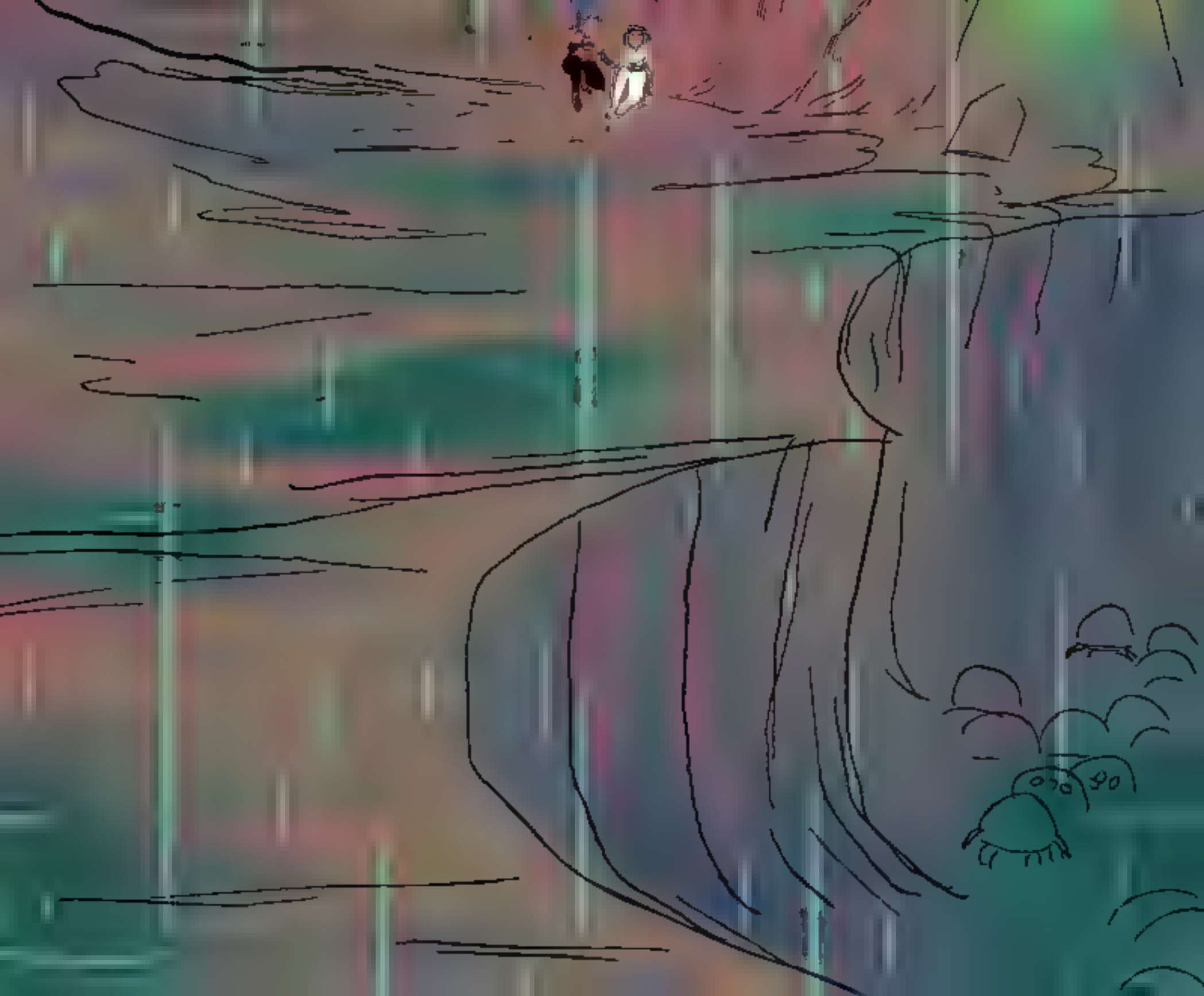
WHERE... NO...WHEN ARE WE?

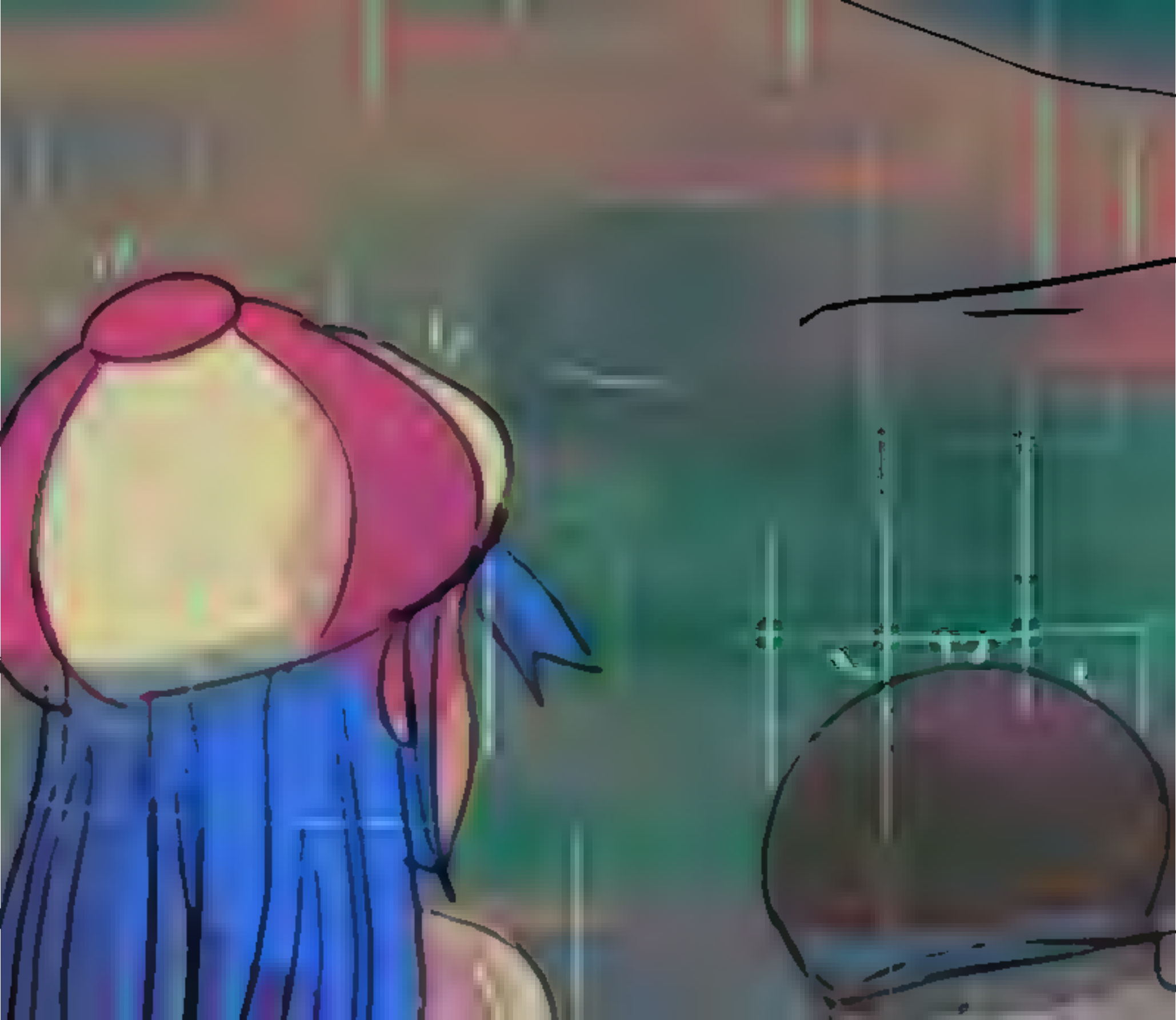
THAT'S KINDA A LONG STORY, AND IT MIGHT BE A BIT HARD TO SWALLOW. ALTHOUGH I'LL GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR HAVING AN OPEN MIND RIGHT OFF THE BAT.

I
HAVE SEEN
UNIVERSE'S
SPLIT. I THINK
I CAN HANDLE
IT.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE QUITE THE STORY! BUT SERIOUSLY, YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME HERE AN SEE FOR YOURSELF...THE VISUAL AID HELPS...

SEE THAT BLACK SUN IN THE SKY? IT WORKS AS A TIMER....





WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
OTHER VOYAGERS!

I DON'T RECOGNIZE THEM, DO

you?

COLOR ASSISTANTS:
@TATSU_ZAM @AKSUMIKAT @SOYNANAWE

WRITING ASSISTANT:
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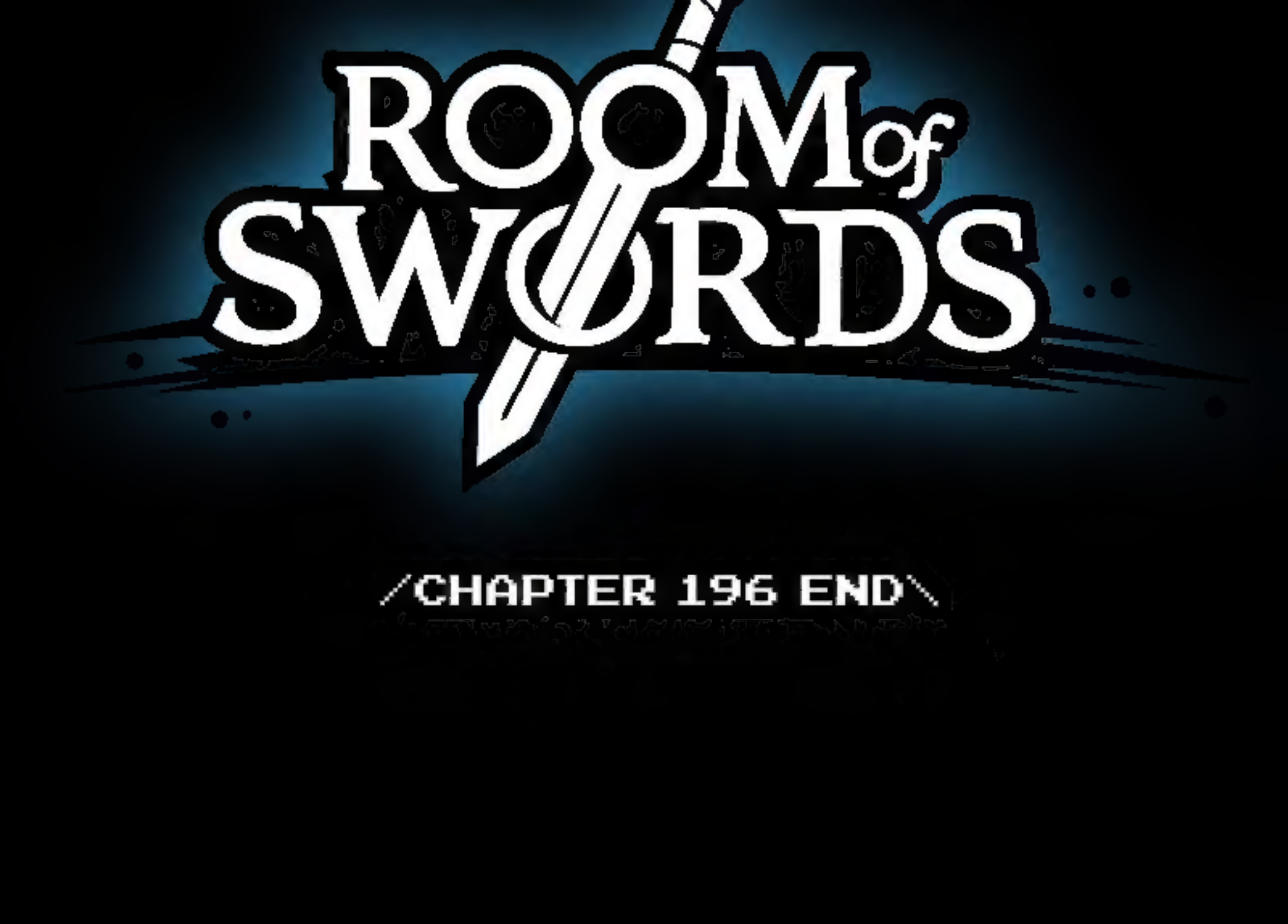
ROOM of SWORDS
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